

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 128

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee's teachers for their selfless service in molding tomorrow's leaders.

WHEREAS, when Henry Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops," he expressed a sentiment that any student could share; by word and example, teachers impart wisdom, education and values; and

WHEREAS, America's teachers are extremely talented and compassionate educators who work assiduously to motivate their students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's teachers often make many sacrifices as they fulfill their countless responsibilities; they have earned, and truly deserve, the utmost gratitude and esteem of every citizen; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that teaching, like all hard work, requires devotion and dedication, and that excellence in education is the intentional result of the hours and hours of hard work by teachers in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the backbone of the American republic is the working people of this great nation, who strive to better themselves and attain the American dream of a better life, and have deserved input over their working environment and a right for fair-pay; teachers, like all working people, have the right to better themselves, their jobs, and their environment to better provide for their families and give their children the opportunity to do better than their parents; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee teachers truly serve as an inspiration to their students, peers, and communities and stand proudly as productive members of American society, as they serve as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, our educators truly epitomize the ideal of the dedicated teachers who are wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and are wholly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we support teachers existing right under the laws of the State to collectively negotiate contracts with local school boards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Tennessee's teachers for their exemplary service to the children of Tennessee and extend to them our deepest gratitude in recognition of the dedication shown by our teachers to providing the finest possible education for all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.